Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Madison Soil Conservation District

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County: Madison

Legislative District(s): 34



Function

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Assisted 11 landowners with NRCS EQIP projects
- Provided Conservation Security Program (CSP) funding for five landowners
- Over 5,000 trees and 200 rolls of weed fabric were sold during our conservation tree sale program this year to landowners.

Conservation District Priority #1 – Water Quality

- Constructed 288 ft. of animal trails and walkways to help protect animal impacts on stream banks.
- 873 acres of conservation cover were created
- 95 acres of conservation crop rotation were created
- Nine landowners received a nutrient management plan that was created to be used on 748 acres
- Surface roughening was performed on 2,660 acres, which is used to prevent erosion
- Use exclusion was enforced for 363 acres to fence in livestock
- 66 water and sediment control basins installed
- A prescribed grazing management plan was developed for 47 acres
- Pest management was implemented on 361 acres

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Resources/Quantity

- 385 acres were treated with deep tillage for water savings
- 1,550 ft. of pipeline was installed to help save water for irrigation water management
- Pivots were installed on 629 acres for irrigation water management
- 18,934 ft. of pipeline, high-pressure, underground, plastic was installed for irrigation water management
- An irrigation water management plan was designed and implemented on 1,563 acres
- One pumping plant was installed for improved irrigation water management

Conservation District Priority #3 – Riparian/Wetlands

- Created, restored, and enhanced 199 acres of wetlands, & wildlife habitat management
- Restored 1,259 ft. of stream bank for channel and stream bank stabilization
- Planned and developed eight structures for water control and water management on wetlands.
- Installed 4,100 ft. of windbreak/shelterbelt establishment to improve air quality, and forestry / agro forestry & land treatment.

Information & Education / Public Outreach

- The District held their annual tour on August 5. Places that were toured included a tree/windbreak establishment, water sediment control basins, and a leafy spurge site that is monitored to determine impact from biological control.
- The District held an annual weed meeting to inform landowners of noxious weeds and the best way to manage them. Ten landowners attended this meeting.
- The District has their own website: www.madisonswcd.id.nacdnet.org

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Provided support to the Cloud Seeding project by donating \$1,000
- Facilitated one EQIP Local Working Group Meeting for producers

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation

Partners to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funding	
State	District Operations	\$	11,447.55
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$	401,473.00
County/City	District Operations	\$	6,120.00



Reservoir Tillage to capture water



Sediment basin control to help prevent erosion